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1. SUMMARY: CLERIDES EXPRESSES GENERAL PESSIMISM ON CHANCES FOR POSITIVE RESULTS IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. CRITICIZES USG AND USSR FOR NOT SUFFICIENTLY PRESSURING INTRANSIGENT TURKEY. ALSO INDICATES LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN IDEAS FOR "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE" AND GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, TWO THEMES WHICH ARE GETTING INCREASING PLAY ON ISLAND. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SIGNIFICANT INTERVIEW WITH ATHENS NEWSPAPER ESPERINI (REF FBIS TA 251106Z JUL 75) CLERIDES MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS: WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO VIENNA TALKS, CLERIDES STATES TURKISH "INTRANSIGENCE" CAUSED BY ABSENCE "ESSENTIAL INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE"
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MAKES UNLIKELY EARLY REALIZATION UN RESOLUTIONS ON WHICH

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SOLUTION "MUST BE BASED."

B. EQUATING OF US & USSR: CLERIDES CLAIMED THAT NO SUPER-
POWER IS EXERTING PRESSURE ON TURKEY. USG "CONFINES ITSELF
TO FRIENDLY REPRESENTATIONS TO TURKEY WITHIN THE FRAME-
WORK OF THEIR ALLIED INTERESTS"; USSR NOT PRESSURING TURKEY
BECAUSE OF THE "CONFLICTING INTERESTS BETWEEN THE TWO MILI-
TARY BLOCKS." COMMENT: THIS IS LATEST CLEAR STATEMENT BY
CLERIDES EQUATING US AND USSR APPROACHES TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.
THIS IS NOT A THEME COMMONLY USED ON ISLAND.
END COMMENT. IN SEEMING AFTERTHOUGHT CLERIDES WENT ON
TO SAY "CHINA CONFINES ITSELF MERELY TO CHARGING THE UNITED
STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WITH USING THE CYPRUS ISSUE...
TO DEFINE ZONES OF INFLUENCE."

C. IMPOSITION OF UNSC SANCTIONS ON TURKEY: CLERIDES HELD
OUT NO HOPE UNSC WILL IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON TURKEY IN
ORDER PRESSURE HER REACH SOLUTION. EVEN IS THERE WERE SUCH
MOVE IN UNSC, "I AM NOT OPTIMISTIC...THAT THE RIGHT OF VETO
WILL NOT BE USED."

D. "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE" THEME: CLERIDES TOOK INDIRECT
SWIPE AT MAKARIOS CALL FOR "LONG-TERM STRUGGLE", SAYING THIS
WOULD PERMIT TURK CYPRIOTS CONSOLIDATE PRESENT POSITION.

E. GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY: IN OBVIOUS REACTION
TO AKEL AND EDEK CALL FOR FORMATION ALL-PARTY GOVERNMENT,
CLERIDES SAID THERE MUST FIRST BE AGREEMENT ON A MINIMUM
PROGRAM". WITHOUT SUCH PRIOR AGREEMENT GOVERNMENT WOULD
RESEMBLE TOWER OF BABEL.
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